ln nanu. Consumption and production ftf Steel

599. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL; Will the Minister of STEEL be please* to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the de* ■sand for steel, which was almost stag* •ant during the last two years, ha* started picking up, as reported in tbe Hindustan Times dated the llth November, 1994;

<b) what was the consumption of finished steel as well as pig iron during th» first half of the current financial year indicating increase in percentage;

c) what is the available stock of saleable stee) with the producers as on 1st October, 1994, in million tonnes a» •gainst corresponding date last yeaT;

(d) w*«C wa» (fee total production ot Pig: o»a during April to September, 1994, as against the production during *tha* sma period last year showing increase in percentage; and

(ej wfeat steps Government have takea for reorientation of export strategy taking into account of this fast changing market icenario externally aa well *m* needs for internal consumption in tha eountry ensuring our products were quite crirnpefifiTe in world market?

THE MTNISTER OF STATE OF TH* MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SOI* TOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Consumption of finished steel and pig iron during the first half of current financial year and the correspondim period of last year and percentage increase were as under.

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	April—Sept. '94	April—Sept. '93	% of increase
Finished steel	7591	6961	9%
Pig Iron	963	744	29%

(c) Stock of saleable steel available with Main Producers as on 1-10-94 was 1.033 million tonnes as against the stock of 1.356 million tonnes on 1-10-93.

(d) Total production of Pig Iron during April-September, 1994 and production during the same period last year and percentage increase was as under:

('000 tonnes)

April-Sept. '94	April-Sept. '93	% of increase
1214	974	25%

(e) To increase the country's exports, Government have taken various po'icy measures such as liberalisation of import-export poicy, flexibility of value based Advance licensing scheme amd coavertibility of rupee on trade accounts. Etport of all items of iron and steel is fresjfe. allowed. It is expected that, export «rt steel from India will increase to *t* million tonnes by 2001-2002

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600. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI; WiH' the Miniver of STEE!. to pleased to stale:

(a) the State-wise number of mfci ■steel plants in tbe country;

(b) the total installed capacity of Ast mini steel' plants;

(c) their production during the year* 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and *> far ia 1994;